

Dear Sirs and Ms:

Despite being a life-long conservative Republican, I oppose loosening current restrictions of cross-ownership of mass media outlets.

Radio stations were once unique and individual, as were morning and evening newspapers and television stations. Now, my city (Portland, Oregon) has significantly greater cross-ownership and a noticable decrease in diversity of news and public affairs, as well as reduced diversity in entertainment programming.

I do volunteer work in public affairs for the local chapter of a large national non-profit organization with federal ties. I'm calling news outlets frequently to let them know of floods, fires and other disasters and the actions taken to protect Americans from them... so I know whereof I speak.

These TV and radio stations are, indeed, 'outlets', with all the responsiveness and uniqueness of a discount outlet mall. The vibrant and lively local radio and television of my young adulthood is now a bland and homogenized 'product' delivered by 'outlets', with information far less useful and far more inferior delivered to the American public.

Please do not perpetuate this trend, and do not allow any further cross-ownership of media.

Sincerely yours,

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We shall not sleep, though poppies grow In Flanders fields.